

Wroxeter & Uppington Parish Council
DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Wroxeter Hotel
on Monday, 14th January 2013, at 7.30 pm

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr C A Eade. Accepted.
2. **PRESENT:** Cllrs B Nelson (Chair), V Amos, L Davies, P Davies, J Guttridge, M Jones, M Millington & S Rowlands, also Mr E West, SC; Mrs R Sara, Clerk designate; Cty Cllr C Wild & Mr R A Pittaway (Clerk).
3. **DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS:** Cllr P Davies declared his Interest in planning item 7a below.
4. **PRESENTATION:** The Chairman welcomed Eddie West, Principal Policy Officer, who outlined SCs approach to localised planning in rural areas with regard to the current Place Plan review. There followed a discussion on this year's entries and the Clerk was instructed to complete the Return and flag up the Wroxeter sewerage system and speed problems along the B4380..
5. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** on 12th November 2012 that had been circulated were accepted by all who were then present and signed by the Chairman.
6. **ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**
 - a) Wroxeter sewerage system – 7a. The Chairman outlined the issues raised with Severnside Housing. They had decided to commission an Engineer's Report before any decisions could be made.
 - b) Clerk replacement – 7b. Cllr Nelson welcomed Rebecca Sara and reported that, after the vacancy had been advertised and the applicants shortlisted, the Panel interviewed 3 candidates and had unanimously agreed to appoint Rebecca and confirmed her start date as 1st April 2013. The Clerk reported that in discussion it was proposed to pay Rebecca £9.591p per hour plus consideration of annual increments but without payment of a working from home allowance. Unanimously agreed.
7. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
 - a) Cllr P Davies left the meeting whilst the application for the erection of a detached 3 bedroom dwelling for use in connection with an equine business & installation of septic tank drainage system on land East of The Horseshoes Inn, Uckington was considered. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should inform SC Planning that Councillors were of the opinion that were this an application for an affordable home, under the regulations governing new local needs dwellings, it might be more favourably considered, provided all the specific criteria had been met. There was concern that, as it stands, this current application appears not to conform to SC's policy on developments in open countryside, given the current planning status of the parish.
 - b) Erection of a water pump house at Uckington Pumping Station, Uckington by Severn Trent Water Ltd. After discussion it was agreed that No Comment would be made on this application.
 - c) Erection of part single and part two storey extension to side elevation to include insertion of roof lights to front, alterations to front and rear elevations and conversion of existing garage to residential use at New House, Wroxeter, by Mr J. Yates. No comments were received following circulation.
8. **FINANCE:**
 - a) Lloyds/TSB statements showing balances of £2,318.39 (current) & £320.41 (deposit).
 - b) Clerk's Nov/Dec WFHA £6 + expenses £34.24 = £40.24. Cheque approved nem con.
 - c) Wroxeter Hotel: room charge - £10.00. Cheque approved nem con.
 - d) Precept requirement for 2013/2014. The Clerk had circulated a breakdown of expected expenditure. After discussion Cllr Amos Proposed that in order to maintain a 0% increase in the local council tax charge the Precept should be set at £2,007.00. Seconded by Cllr P Davies and all in favour.
9. **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL MATTERS:**
 - a) The Chairman outlined various issues regarding IT and Broadband matters. The SC working group would be meeting shortly to consider proposals. However, it was agreed it was vital the service in rural areas be improved prior to any major investment in urban areas. The Chairman will pursue.
10. **NON COUNCIL MATTERS:**
 - a) Cllr P Davies raised the matter of Raby Farms erecting a, sometimes, locked permanent barrier across a public roadway in Uppington. Local horse-riders and vehicle drivers had been told they could no longer use the road that had been in public use for generations. As this is a council maintained road that leads to a public right of way the Clerk was instructed to inform the appropriate Department.
11. **NEXT MEETING & CLOSE:**
 - a) The date of the next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as Monday, 11th March 2013 in The Wroxeter Hotel at 7.30 pm.
 - b) The Chairman thanked everyone for attending then closed the meeting at 9.36 pm.